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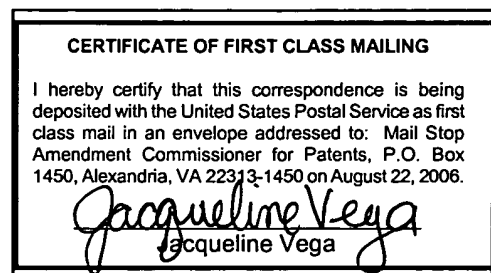
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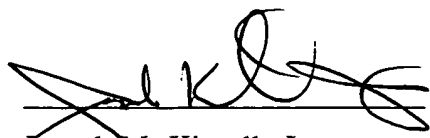
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| DE 41 27 580 C             | February 11, 1993           | During the paint cover application, the car body inside is kept dry and is moved slowly forward in or on a support for smooth spraying, followed by solvent or carrier drying in a heated zone with the car body slowly rotated. Separate supports are used for the painting zone (5) and drying zone (6), notably a carriage (8) and a transport rotor respectively. The car body (1) is fitted front and aft with adapters for the carriage and rotor so that the body fits freely with its clamps onto the painting carriage and is then transferred with paint still wet onto the rotor by a |

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vertical movement, after which the carriage returns upwards. At the end of the drying zone the car body is transferred to the carriage for onwards transport and the rotor led back to the drying zone entry for the next car body etc. USE/ADVANTAGE- For car body painting lines, without need for handling not completely dry car body, and prevention of paint stains on the line.

DE 196 41 048 A

April 16, 1998

The invention relates to a method for introducing and removing workpieces, especially automobile bodies, into or from an appropriate workpiece (1) surface processing area (20, 70) where the workpieces (1) are removably secured to holders (7) each of which having a rotational axis (13, 41, 61) perpendicular to the direction in which the workpieces move. Said rotational axes (13, 41, 61) are engaged in a continuous translation movement at a constant speed and the workpieces (1) are steered simultaneously along one of these rotational axes (13, 41, 61) at the beginning or end of the processing area (20, 70) and continuously guided in the direction of the translation movement, rotating by approximately 180 DEG. The invention also relates to a device for workpiece surface processing and an installation to process automobile body surfaces.

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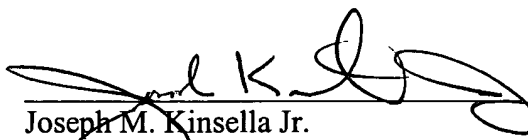
April 4, 2002

The invention relates to a device for the surface treatment of workpieces (12) such as vehicle bodies. One such device comprises a plurality of successive treatment stations (1-9), a guiding system (16, 17) comprising a first guiding section (16) extending in the region of the treatment stations (1-9), and a plurality of rotational mounts (13) which can move individually on said guiding system (16, 17). Each rotational mount (13) comprises a holding device (14) for at least one workpiece (12) and has a rotational axis (15) which is arranged in such a way that the workpiece (12) in the holding device (14) can be brought into, or taken out of, one of the treatment stations (1-9) by means of rotation about the rotational axis (15).

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